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THE MARCH OF TIME

LET'S FORGET HITLER

ALL of us have a duty to perform. It is our task to shake off the mesmeric effect which the European scene has had upon us and to fix our gaze upon our daily task. We must work and make money. For money means strength.

This rich nation and Empire has to its hand, awaiting development, resources unequalled and unapproached by any other nation on the earth.

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It must be remembered that half the abundance of the earth is still untapped and unsuspected. Each new discovery brings closer the day when men and women will live their lives easily and comfortably, depending no more upon the sweat of their brow, but upon the labour of their brain.

Sir Ambrose Fleming, whose invention of the thermionic valve made wireless telephony possible, now at the age of ninety announces a discovery which gives many thousands of volts of electricity at a small cost.

He produces enormous voltages of electricity by dropping silica powder through a perforated zinc plate. He cannot explain why this simple operation should have such an effect. He only knows that it does so.

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SIR AMBROSE FLEMING is one of the great scientists of our age. He was the man who destroyed the theory which said that we could take a trip to the planets.

Sir Ambrose declared it was impossible for a human body to endure the strain of starting upwards at a speed which would take it 40,000 feet high in one second to a place where quicksilver would freeze, and then a second afterwards to a height where brass would melt.

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MORE remarkable than the latest discovery of Sir Ambrose is the story which you can read in these columns today of the experiments taking place in Birmingham and Cambridge.

It is now possible to harness the energy obtained by splitting an atom of uranium. Atoms in one pound of metal, if split, would produce as much power as 20 million tons of coal.

This discovery has been kept secret because in war time it would be of immense value to its possessor.

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But in peace time its possibilities are limitless. We draw near to the day when whole cities will be heated and lit by power coming from a source no larger than a tumbler of water, and when an engineer can walk on board a liner carrying inside his waistcoat pocket enough energy to drive the ship across the Atlantic.

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WHEN the powers of the universe are known and controlled life will become easy. Foolish are those who say the earth's supplies of coal can be exhausted. Long before that day comes coal will be obsolete. We shall no longer depend upon men working in the bowels of the earth to dig out our fuel.

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It is not men's hands, but men's minds, which will harness the powers of the universe.

So in the midst of your daily toil find time to exercise your own mind. Spend a few minutes each day *thinking*.

The brain is the gymnasium of the mind. That gymnasium costs nothing. It stays open day and night. A few moments of effort inside it bring you more benefit than hours and days of strenuous physical exertion.

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AND do not let your minds be occupied by thoughts of Hitler. For many weary months we have allowed our world to revolve around the axis of the dictators. The time has come to disengage ourselves and concentrate upon our own affairs.

If you want to read about Hitler, you will find on this page the views of Peter Howard, a member of our staff. The Sunday Express does not accept his views entirely. But, in accordance with our policy, space is given to men of ability, character and reputation, who are permitted to say exactly what they think.

What Do You Make Of It?

By *PETER HOWARD*

"He's like the talking crocodile in the legend"—Hitler in the Reichstag makes his long-awaited reply to Mr. Roosevelt's appeal.

PUT not your trust in Hitler.

It is true that he made a speech chock-full of good intentions. But many a bad man makes a good speech.

No one ever made speeches so good as the late Mr. Horatio Bottomley. Once I heard him deliver an oration on "The Prince of Peace." He tore my heart out of my body with his words and phrases.

That is just the sort of speech in which Hitler would excel.

Of course, the object of the speech delivered by the German Fuehrer is very plain and exceedingly simple. He desires to divide up the nations of Europe one against the other. To separate Britain from France, to draw Poland away from her allies.

And after he has divided them he means to beat up the nations in detail one after the other.

There is nothing new in that. Nothing at all. Napoleon wanted to do it. We learned all about it from him. In the end it was Napoleon who got the beating-up.

HITLER'S offer to conclude reciprocal agreements with the nations would have been welcomed by the world a few years ago. Since then the actions of Germany have made it impossible to believe in such offers.

Nobody will believe in them until some good actions come from Hitler to demonstrate that he is in earnest over his display of good intentions.

'Baa, baa, baa'

He is like the crocodile in the legend. The crocodile was a talking crocodile. But it could only make one speech. And that speech was, "*I hate mutton.*"

The crocodile roamed hither and thither, far and wide over the countryside, declaiming this oration. All the sheep said to each other that the crocodile was the gentlest and best of the animals on earth.

But whenever a sheep came near the crocodile opened its jaws and swallowed the animal whole. In a second it had disappeared without a struggle.

This went on for a long, long time. The crocodile waxed fat. But one day he suffered a reverse. He drew near to a sheep. From his mouth came the words, "*I hate mutton.*" At that moment from his belly came a prolonged "*Baa, baa, baa.*"

And the sheep ran off as fast as it could go.

So today Hitler's lips proclaim to the world that he has no evil designs upon the nations of Europe. But the voices of swallowed Austria and Czecho-Slovakia and Spain and Albania cry aloud above the words of the dictator.

NOW it is a sign and a token of the state of uncertainty to which we have been reduced by the Fuehrer that his speech is regarded as pacific, although in it he repudiates two obligations solemnly entered into by himself.

First of all the Anglo-German Naval Agreement is torn up and thrown into the waste-paper basket. This agreement was reached long before Munich.

At Munich the German dictator and the British Premier swore a blood brotherhood with each other.

No sooner was the compact signed than Hitler made speeches abusing Mr. Chamberlain and his country, and presently marched into Czecho-Slovakia in contradiction to his pledged word.

On that account he was considered to have broken the Munich Agreement.

And because British public opinion found against him on the Munich issue, Hitler now decides that the Naval Agreement must go.

THEN there is Germany's pact with Poland. Hitler signed a ten-years' non-aggression pact with the Poles. The pact was reciprocal.

Before the ten years were up, Hitler, in contravention of his own agreement, made territorial demands upon Poland. The Poles said, "*No. We stand by our non-aggression pact with you.*"

I have always taken the view that Danzig is German and should go back to Germany.

Moreover, I believe that Germany should be given some means of overland communication with East Prussia, which is divided from Germany by the Polish Corridor.

These, broadly, were the terms which Hitler offered the Poles and which the Poles turned down. I should hate to have to fight for Poland in order to avoid such a settlement. It seems to me a fair one.

And no doubt the Poles would settle on these terms if they could bring themselves to believe that there would then be an end of the demands upon them. But they do not believe it. For my part, I find it hard to blame them.

ALSO there is the demand for colonies which Hitler makes upon us. Though, to be sure, he has said again and again that he will not go to war on that account. In the past, I have advocated the unconditional return of these colonies to Germany.

They have never been ours. They are held under mandate for the League of Nations. They can never be incorporated with the economic system of the British Empire. Hitler speaks the truth when he says they are useless to us.

But the fact must be faced that no British Government could propose to make an unconditional return of these colonies to Germany today. If they did so, they would be overthrown.

Before public opinion here will acquiesce in such a territorial alteration in Germany's favour, Hitler will have to go beyond words and perform some real act of appeasement on his own account.

Like it or dislike it, that is the position.

MEANWHILE, we in Britain stand pledged to fight for Poland or Rumania or Greece if those countries call upon us. I deplored those pacts when they were made.

No Escape

I deplore them still. I believe that they may lead us into difficulty and danger. But, for good or bad, we cannot escape from them.

If we break our word, we shall be emulating those very exploits of Hitler which we so greatly deprecate. We should forfeit the confidence of every ally in Europe and, above all, of our friends across the Atlantic Ocean.

So, having taken our course, we dare not deviate from it.

We must look for renewed and determined attempts by the German dictator to detach us from these engagements. Hitler will become the bogey man again.

We shall be told of his airplanes which travel the sky at 450 m.p.h. Stories will be put round of hundreds of submarines stored sectionally in German cupboards ready to be riveted together and launched like a mighty armada on the day of battle.

THEN we shall get reports of Hitler's private conversations when he is supposed to have said that Britain would not give a guarantee of any value to any other nation, since she was unable to look to her own safety.

For on his word of command every city in Britain would be laid in ruins by his aircraft.

It is only fair to say that Hitler added he had no intention of giving that order.

And Theirs Too

Maybe he is right. Maybe he can devastate our cities, though for my part I do not believe it. But I am sure of this. If he can make good his claim then it would not only be our cities which would lie in ruins. Every city in Germany would be devastated too.

In any case, this Hitler is a bogey man. He has gone far enough. We cannot stand any more. We mean peace, but we are not going to be afraid of war. If fight we must.

IT only remains to have faith. Our Government have embarked on a course of combination in restraint of fear. They must stand fast and follow it through.

If you see any sign of wavering or of apprehension, of hesitation or of doubt on their part, then you must include in your denunciation of the German dictator a denunciation of the British Government.

Politicians and Politics

Conscription Week Has Been A Triumph For Our Prime Minister

OUR Prime Minister must be praised. His decision to introduce conscription arouses the enthusiastic support of the greater part of the citizens.

The fury and violence of the Socialists in opposition to conscription is not a real thing at all. It will dwindle and disappear.

Many of the Socialist M.P.s tell you in private conversation that they are delighted with the step which has been taken.

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Mr Chamberlain needed courage to give us conscription. For he had made a pledge to Parliament not to introduce it in peace time. This was a pledge inherited from Lord Baldwin of Bewdley. He said it first and Mr. Chamberlain endorsed it afterwards.

But our whole programme of rearmament is in direct violation of a pledge of Lord Baldwin which Mr. Chamberlain inherited.

Lord Baldwin said before the last election:—

"*I give you my word there will be no great measure of rearmament.*"

Too Late, But . . .

Now Mr. Chamberlain is arming day and night, night and day. And Baldwin was arming before him. Too late in the day, it is true. But he was arming.

Mr. Chamberlain rightly decided that it would be unreasonable, having thrown away the pledge about rearmament, to keep the pledge about conscription. And by their vote Parliament have released him from it.

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After the conscription vote, glory must be given to Mr. J. A. de Rothschild, Liberal member for the Isle of Ely. It is a pleasure to me to give praise to Mr. de Rothschild. He voted against his party for conscription. Against the wrong and for the right, in every sense of the word.

Mr. Hore-Belisha too must be applauded. He was more responsible than any other Minister for giving us conscription. I must also give him credit for his insistence on a Ministry of Supply.

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Here let it be said that Sir Kingsley Wood stood in the way of both Ministry of Supply and conscription. Nevertheless, our Air Minister is a remarkable figure in our public life.

He is the only man who has climbed so high and so steadily with a vocabulary built up round three phrases. And they are:—

"*At any rate*";

"*As far as that is concerned*"; and

"*In this connection.*"

Mr. J. A. de ROTHSCHILD

"Praise him. He voted against his party for conscription."

These three phrases have brought us a bountiful supply of airplanes for which Sir Kingsley earns our gratitude and our confidence. Some people favour him as our next Prime Minister.

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Not all the Ministers win the approval of the public. There is Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, our new Minister of Mines. His appointment is arousing immense criticism. He knows nothing about mining, coal owners, or the miners themselves. He has small experience of the world.

A Minister of Mines needs vast commercial experience and a sound knowledge of foreign markets. Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd has none of these things. He is a pure misfit.

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The only important post he has held until now was when he was put in charge of A.R.P. And as for that job, Mr. Lloyd can sing with his whole heart, "I lost it, I lost it."

Sheltered

The unpopularity of the appointment of our new Minister of Supply, Mr. Burgin, has sheltered our new Minister of Mines from some of the criticism which would otherwise be directed against him. The opposition to Mr. Burgin increases rather than diminishes.

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But there you are. Mr. Burgin had something coming to him.

After Munich, Mr. Burgin described Mr. Chamberlain as a worker of miracles. Then he went north to Newcastle-on-Tyne and said:—

"*I have had contact with Arthur Balfour, Campbell-Bannerman, Asquith, Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Chamberlain, but I say without any fear of contradiction that I have never sat round a table under a Prime Minister whose capacity was the equal, let alone exceeded, that of the present Leader of the Government, who has a capacity for work, a gift of phrase and an understanding quite beyond anything which the simple language that I can use can adequately convey.*"

Today Mr. Burgin is still sitting at the table with Mr. Chamberlain. And he has moved higher up.

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Another Chamberlain appointment is that of Lord Lothian. Yesterday Lord Lothian was a member of the Council of Action. Tomorrow he will be our new Ambassador to the United States of America.

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Lord Lothian used to be a Roman Catholic. He is now a Christian Scientist. For a long time he was for Germany. Now he seems to be against Germany. He was a Liberal. Now he is to be the nominee in Washington of the Conservative Government.

In the last war he was Mr. Lloyd George's Sir Horace Wilson. In the next war, for all I know, he may aspire to be President Roosevelt's Colonel House.

His Difficulty

Meanwhile Mr. Lloyd George himself is in some difficulty. He is likely to have a Conservative opponent at the next election. The Tories of Carnarvon Boroughs are resolved to fight.

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They attack Mr. Lloyd George on his division record.

From 1931, when the National Government came into office, until the end of February 1939, out of 2,223 possible divisions at Westminster, Mr. Lloyd George only voted seventy-four times.

He was paired on another forty occasions.

To be paired means that a member of Parliament discovers another who intends to vote on the opposite side to himself when the division takes place. Both agree to pair off and stay away from the division. The two absent votes cancel each other out.

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Now Mr. Lloyd George's division record is bad. Very bad indeed. But he must not be judged by it.

Whenever he stands up to speak in a big debate he makes a contribution from a life of human and political experience which no other M.P. can equal.

Mr. Lloyd George is the leader of one Opposition Liberal Party. Sir Archibald Sinclair leads the other. And Sir Archibald's most loquacious supporter is Mr. Mander.

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I disagree with about everything he says. But I admire his independence. He makes himself more of a nuisance to Mr. Chamberlain than almost any other M.P.

And, of course, if you want to take this line, it is a help if you can afford to do so. Mr. Mander does not have to worry about money at all.

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He is rich. Very rich indeed. I assess his fortune at £300,000. He gets his money from paint. His fortune is derived from a private varnish and paint company which was established in Wolverhampton 150 years ago.

This company is now being taken over by a new public company to be called Mander (Holdings) Ltd. Its authorised share capital is £1,500,000, of which £1,385,000 has been issued and fully paid.

Almost one quarter of the holdings are owned by the member for East Wolverhampton. He is also chairman of the company.

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Mr. Mander specialises in foreign affairs. But he is a great Free Trader. He becomes almost as excited over tariffs as he does over Tunis. And Ottawa raises his ire as readily as Abyssinia.

Yet Mr. Mander has not much to complain about over Ottawa. Most of the solid gains from that conference have been whittled away. Unless you could call Sir Horace Wilson a solid gain.

For Sir Horace Wilson accompanied Lord Baldwin to Ottawa. Nobody had ever heard of Sir Horace before he went there. And nobody has ever heard of any other civil servant since he came back again.

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I wanted to know about Sir Horace's record before Ottawa. It was Mr. J. H. Thomas who first brought him into any position of importance. So I telephoned to Mr. Thomas.

Man Who Went

I was anxious to discover more about this famous character, Sir Horace Wilson.

The man who went to Munich with Mr. Chamberlain. To say nothing of his trip with the Prime Minister to Berchtesgaden and also to Godesberg. And to mention nothing of another visit which he paid to Hitler all by himself.

The man who now gets some of the credit as well as the criticism for the Munich Agreement.

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Mr. J. H. Thomas told me:—

"*Sir 'Orace—he used to be my confederate. He's got a wonderful brain.*"

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